

REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, Claims 21-29 are now cancelled, claim 13 has been amended. Claims 13-20 are now pending. No new matter has been added to this application by way of amendment.

Claim Rejections

Claims 13-20, 23, 25-29 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

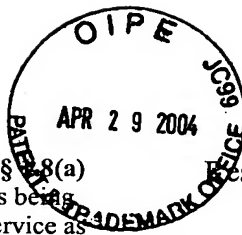
While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution in the case, Applicants have deleted claims 23, 25-29. Applicants have also deleted from claim 13, the language “wherein any carboxy, amino or imino group present is optionally substituted by a group which can be cleaved in vivo.”

Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution in the case, Applicants have deleted claim 24. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

A good faith effort has been made by Applicants to place the present claims in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or further clarification needed the Examiner is earnestly solicited to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number.



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